

Corners For Wildlife



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The Corners For Wildlife partnership provides landowners with an option of establishing wildlife habitat on the land associated with center pivot irrigation systems. The objective of the program is to establish high quality wildlife habitat for upland wildlife and grassland songbirds.

Cover Practice #1

Projects will establish nesting habitat from a variety of wildlife habitat mixtures. This practice will be **seeded by May 10th** of the first year of the contract. Rental payment is a maximum of \$60.00 per acre.

Cover Practice #2

Projects will establish a minimum of 2 shrub thickets of 1,500 ft² on each corner and receive a rental payment of up to \$100.00 per acre. Projects with a minimum of 400 wildlife shrubs and trees planted in rows will receive a maximum rental payment of \$75.00 per acre. A 75% cost-share rate is available for the cost of shrubs and trees. Landowners can choose from a variety of wildlife shrubs and a limited selection of trees.

Project Payments:

Projects will be inspected at least one-time per year to ensure compliance with project requirements. Following project inspection, rental payments will be made in five payments on the anniversary date of the planting and establishment of the project (Planting in May 2008 will mean payment #1 is made May 2009).

Project Requirements:

1. Project material costs (grass seed, shrubs and trees) are cost-shared at a rate of 75% by Pheasants Forever. Fabric weed barrier for tree and shrub plantings is cost shared at a rate of 50% by Pheasants Forever. When 400 or more trees and/or wildlife shrubs are planted per corner, the planting costs are cost shared at a rate of 100% by the participating NRD. Landowners agree to pay 25% of material costs and 50% of the fabric weed barrier costs.
2. To receive cost share assistance, grass seed must be supplied by Pheasants Forever.
3. Landowners are responsible for site or ground preparation and planting of the grass seed.
4. Cover practices must be maintained for 5 years and may not be grazed, hayed or mowed.
5. Two "Corners For Wildlife" signs are required to be posted on each project.
6. Landowners are responsible for performing either mechanical, or chemical weed control of shrub and tree plantings unless fabric weed barrier is applied to tree and/or wildlife shrub plantings.
7. Violation of contract requirements results in forfeiture of past and future rental payments and reimbursement of all cost shared funds for grass seed, trees, shrubs, project signs, planting charges and fabric weed barrier.

Landowner Signature and Date

NRD Representative Signature and Date

Pheasants Forever Signature and Date

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